

THE FOURQUEAN-PRICE COMPANY

Honesty! Reliability! Integrity!

Three great principles in business, and the least recognized. There never was a time in the history of the dry goods business when honesty, reliability, and integrity played so small a part in the transaction of business as the present day. Men seem to have gone wild in their effort to sell goods, and there is no deception too great, or exaggeration too large, so long as the good people will come and buy.

The greatest monument a store can build for itself is a record for honesty, reliability, and integrity, and thirty years of unbroken faith with the people attest our faith in it. We have fought the fight against deception. We have dared to tell you the true value of goods without exaggeration. We have dared to cling solely and only to honest principles in business—to seal your patronage with the inseparable bond of fullest confidence never betrayed.

We are continually in your service—seeking—satisfying—saving for you. Read our offerings for to-morrow.

Silks.

This week will find some great Silk offerings.

One lot Silks consisting of Damas, Brocades, Persians, Stripes, and shot effects—all good styles and sold regularly at 85c. to \$1.25 a yard. Choice to-morrow.

Crepes de Chine and Plisse Crepes in evening shades—regular price 75c. and \$1.00. To-morrow.

All-Silk Plain Black Grenadines. To-morrow.

27-inch Fine Black Japanese Silk. To-morrow.

Black Armure Royal and Satin Duchesse. To-morrow.

Black Dress Goods.

Our Black Goods stand pre-eminently at the head of all Black Goods stocks. They are all black, and the kind that stay black. To-morrow we offer some unusual values for your selection.

Fine French Serge, Mohair Brilliantine, Brocade Etamine, Figured Mohair, Whip Cord Serge, Figured Melrose, French Jacquards,

50-inch Black Mohair Brilliantine, regular 50c. value.

42-inch Fine Black Granite Suitings, regular 85c. value.

40-inch Black Etamine Grenadine, regular 75c. value.

44-inch Plain Black Etamine Suiting, regular 85c. value.

50-inch Black Figured Granite Suitings, regular \$1.25 value.

Wool Dress Goods.

Great reductions to close out all the fine Imported Pattern Suits.

\$9 Wool and Tinsel Imported Suit Patterns for.

\$12.50 Imported Illuminated Novelty Suit Patterns for.

\$15 Imported Etamine Suit Patterns for.

\$21 Fine Silk and Wool Imported Suit Patterns for.

\$30 Brocade Silk and Wool Imported Patterns for.

65c. All-Wool Check Dress Goods, per yard, this week.

All-Wool Cheviots and Flannel Suitings—per yard.

Fine Imported Novelty Suitings. This week.

52-inch Broadcloths in new colorings. Monday.

Wash Fabrics.

A Great Offering.

To-morrow we place on sale the biggest values in Summer Dress Fabrics we have ever offered.

You must come early, for they will go fast.

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FIRST TWIN SCREW GUNBOATS

Gangs of Workmen Are Now Fitting the Wheeling and Marietta for Sea Duty.

A WAR VESSEL OF THE FIRST CLASS.

Expected to Do Better Than 12 Knots an Hour—New Style of Sheathing—Each Boat Will Carry One Hundred and Twenty-Five Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Workmen are busy as bees at the yards of the Union Iron Works, fitting for sea, the gunboats Wheeling and Marietta, which were launched March 15th. These boats will form a distinctive feature of the United States navy, for the reason that they are the first twin screw gunboats in the government service, which have been fitted with twin screws. Their spread of canvas will be small, but their power for speed is expected to exceed 12 knots.

The Wheeling and Marietta are what are designated as light draught composite gunboats, each of them being of about 1,000 tons displacement. They are two of a series of six authorized by the act of Congress of March, 1895. It was the purpose of this act to provide for the construction of a small flotilla of gunboats, which should be equally available for home or foreign duty. In other words, they must be good sea-going crafts, and equal to similar vessels in foreign navies.

When running at full speed, the engines are calculated to make about 200 revolutions a minute, and this with a steam pressure of 180 pounds, is the ordinary maximum of revolutions and high pressure. If necessary it is possible to do better than this without crossing the danger line. These engines will be built with much more than usual care. They are very compact and their frames are entirely of bronze. The main effort has been directed toward making them strong in every particular, and every portion of the machinery will be built to the most severe tests before being placed in position. The Pacific coast shipbuilders feel no little pride in the fact that they have been permitted to construct the first gunboats of this sort, and are confident that the Pacific coast shipbuilders are to pursue the Massachusetts, the Brooklyn, and Texas, the war vessels to which the Eastern shipbuilders have pinned their faith.

The dimensions of the gunboats are: Length on load water line, 134 feet; beam on load water line, 24 feet; draught, normal, from under side of keel, 12 feet. By load water line is meant the water line of the vessel when she has on board her full complement of armament, officers and crew. The displacement is, as stated, about 1,000 tons. The armament consists of six 4-inch rapid fire guns, four 6-pounder rapid fire guns, two 3-pounder rapid fire guns. The magazine of each gunboat will contain 500 rounds of ammunition for the 4-inch guns, 2,000 rounds for the 6-pounder guns, and 1,000 rounds for the 3-pounders.

An interesting fact in connection with the boats is that they are to end a heated discussion which has been going on for some time in engineering circles, by settling the question as to the efficiency of big chimneys. It may be brought home to them. A forced draught is a draught that is formed artificially. The ordinary draught is that which has been trusted to before the forced draught question came up, and is of the same sort that is made in the stove, when the damper is open, and the simple current of air permitted to pass over the fire and up the chimney. Argument has waxed warm over this question of draught, and so it will be seen the gunboats are to really solve what seems a very important problem to every one.

When ready for sea in addition to the coal capacity of 600 tons, each gunboat will carry on its trial the following

weights or the equivalent thereto in addition to the weight of the completed hull, the machinery and the spare parts: Ordnance, 35 tons; boats and outfit, 7 tons; crew and effects, 15 tons; provisions and clothing, 30 tons; miscellaneous stores 25 tons. The total weight of all referred to will, it is believed, give a displacement of 1,600 tons.

Considering their small displacement, the gunboats are built in the most elaborate manner. Nothing that finds place in a first class war vessel will be omitted. The government furnishes the masts, spars, sails, blocks, boats, anchors, chains, and other cables, rigging, galleys, coopers, portable furniture, carpets, curtains, ordnance, and ordnance outfit, mattresses and crockery. This is a very important fact to the builders, for the furnishing and equipment of a vessel of war form by no means the least costly features.

Readers of this article, who have been aboard the New York, the Charleston, the Yorktown, or the San Francisco, and managed to visit the sacred precincts of the officers' quarters, know that a first-class war vessel is furnished luxuriously. Nothing in the way of luxury or comfort which any of the four vessels mentioned contain will be omitted in fitting up the Wheeling and the Marietta. The quarters for the crew and officers are a trifle smaller than aboard the cruisers or battleships, but they are very snug and shipshape. The vessels complement consist of the commander, ten ward room officers, 120 sailors and ten marines.

A large portion of the machinery of the gunboats is already in place, and the hulls are fitted in each of the vessels. It is expected that the formal trials will take place about May 15th. Both craft were launched together, and it is the present intention to test them at the same time.

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HOUSEWARE DEPARTMENT.

25 and 35 cent Brooms, 10 cents.

Full size best made Parlor Brooms, 4 and 3 times sewed, made of selected Western corn, best 25 and 35c value for ten cents.

The genuine \$1 set of Bread, Cake and Paring Knives, Decorated and highly nickel-plated, reduced for Monday, 15c. for set of three knives.

300 Crimped Crust Bread Pans, made of genuine sheet iron (no danger of burning), at 8c.

Fruit Press and Potato Masher, retails at 50c., reduced to 25c.

15c. Stove Brush, made of best bristles, for 8c.

\$7.50 Toilet Sets, \$3.50.

A special cash purchase of 50 Real China Toilet Sets, handsomely decorated in floral designs, all stippie gold trimmed and of genuine bone, a regular \$7.50 set for \$3.25 complete.

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25 finest Haviland China Dinner Sets, consisting of 113 pieces decorated with Haviland's choice decorations; rolled gold trimmed handles, a regular \$35.00 set for \$21.00.

\$22.50 Carlsbad Sets for \$12.00.

On special sale Monday 2 cases, consisting of 100 pieces, on "Southern China Dinner Sets, with 100 pieces to the set, fully worth \$22.50, for \$12.00 complete.

Fine China Cake Plates, with fine Cupid decorations, gold trimmed, regular 98c., value for 50c.

66 cents for \$1.50 Tea Sets.

Fine 5-Piece Tea Sets, Austrian china, in fine floral decoration, worth three times the price, Monday 85c.

Real China Fern Dishes, pretty Dresden decorations and fancy edges, gold lined, for 15c.

Large and Decorated Wash Bowls, all large size, some bisque finished, worth from 75c. to \$3.50 each, for Monday only 35c. each.

Large Carpenters' Hammers, every house should have one, worth 35c., for 15c.

20 Steel Tack Hammers, with claw attached, worth 15c., for 3c.

500 full size Rolls of perforated

MILLINERY.

New Goods. New Styles.

Our head milliner, Miss TUCKER, has just returned from New York with all the advanced styles from the most metropolitan designers, and is now ready to show you the latest in Trimmings Millinery. Also, the newest things in Untrimmed Hats, Flowers, Ribbons, and Special Novelties for fine trade.

Infants' and Children's Goods.

(Second Floor—Millinery Section).

Infants' and Children's Dresses, Lace and Muslin Caps of the latest and quaintest designs and at lowest prices consistent with the high character of the merchandise. Also, new line of Afghans and Rugs for Baby Carriages.

Ostrich Boas

in new assortment just in at most attractive prices.

Persian Ripples, Striped Madras and Satene Crepons—all good styles and goods that sold at 12½ to 25c. a yard. Choice to-morrow.

Fine Striped Dimity and Figured Pine Apple Tissue—all new and choice styles—regular price 25c. a yard. To-morrow.

Figured Lace Striped Muslin and Figured Dimities—regular price 12½c. a yard. To-morrow.

Solid Colored Pique in pink, blue, gray, etc.

Fine French Organdies in a beautiful line of new colorings.

Ladies' Separate Skirts.

Ladies' Wool Skirts, in checks, full width and full percaline lined. Regular price \$2. This week.

Ladies' All-Wool Plaid Skirts, regular price \$3.50. This week.

Ladies' Black-and-White Striped Brilliantine Skirts, light weight; regular price \$6.50. This week.

Ladies' Suits.

The balance of the lot of Ladies' Man-Tailored Suits, in colored and fancy—fly front, blazer, and Eton jacket—all go at

Manufacturer's Cost.

Ladies' House Wrappers

New styles are coming in daily. The new effects in Percales, Scotch Lawns, Batiste, Persian Lawns and Organdies are very stylish. The skirts are cut full and large—and the prices only

\$1 to \$4 Each.

Bicycle Suits.

We have the exclusive sale of the Star Brand Ladies' Bicycle Suits. They have no equal for fit and style. They come in a variety of cloths and only

\$6 to \$16.50 a Suit.

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Linens.

Some special values in Linens—

3-4 size All-Linen Napkins, regular price \$1.50 a dozen. To-morrow.

3-4 size All-Linen Napkins, extra heavy and fine, regular price \$2.50 a dozen. To-morrow.

72-inch All-Linen Table Damask, full bleached extra heavy weight. To-morrow.

Hosiery.

The values increase week by week, and with the advance in the tariff, you may not have such an opportunity long.

Ladies' Black Silk Hose, regular price 62½c. for.

Ladies' Gauze Lisle Hose, fast black, 3 pair for \$1.00.

Ladies' Balbriggan Hose, three great values—12½c., 17c., 25c.

1 lot Ladies' and Children's Hose in tans and slates—regular price 50, 65, and 75c.

Children's High Grade Black Hose, double heel and toe, sizes 6 to 9½—12½c. and 17c.

Boys' Cast Iron Black Hose for boys who want service—per pair.

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Silk Vests in pink, green, blue and yellow—regular price \$1.00 and \$1.25. To-morrow.

Ladies' Silk Trimmed Lisle Thread Vests.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, elastic, taped neck and sleeves, 10c., 12½c. and 17c.

Ladies' Extra Large Ribbed Vests.

Ladies' Ribbed Union Suits, knee length, short sleeves regular price \$1.00. This week.

Men's Shirts.

Men's Negligee Shirts in a beautiful line of patterns, attached and detached collars and cuffs.

Men's Balbriggan Undershirts, long and short sleeves, 25c. and 50c.

Men's Nain-sook Undershirts and Drawers.

Men's Cambric Night-shirts.

Boys' Jean Drawers—extra well made.

Windsor Ties.

All-Silk Windsor Ties, in solid color and polka dot, regular price 25c.—2 for.

Ladies' Neckwear.

We are now showing a large variety of silk and wash Ties and Bows in all the newest styles.

Ladies' Silk Bows and Ties.

Umbrellas.

Ladies' Colored Silk Umbrellas, in red and blue, with Dresden handles—all have steel rods—regular price \$3.00. This week.

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